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REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Office.

Upon entry of the instant Amendment After Notice of Allowance, Claims 8, 10, 12-18, and 21-28 will be all of the immediately allowable claims.

A Notice of Allowance along with an Examiner's Amendment was mailed on August 16, 2006, wherein claims 1-7, 9, 19, and 20 were canceled. However, Applicants would like to draw the Office's attention to the fact that Claim 11 was dependent from canceled Claim 9; therefore, Applicants are hereby canceling without prejudice Claim 11.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including claims 8, 10, 12-18, and 21-28, is presently in condition for allowance.

Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. If there are any further issues in this application, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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